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PATENT

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CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is for an original application.

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ASSEMBLY, RETENTION AND PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF
RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOR OIL DRILL STRINGS**

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification was filed on January 14, 2002, as Serial No. 10/047,436. By our signatures below, we authorize the attorney of record to fill in the serial number when available prior to the filing of this document.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.98.

CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)
(35 U.S.C. Section 119(e))

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER**FILING DATE**

60/261,338

January 12, 2001

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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 OF RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOR OIL DRILL STRINGS

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**STATEMENT
CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(c-f) and 1.27(b-d))**

With respect to the invention described in Application No. 10/047,436, filed January 14, 2002. By our signatures below, we authorize the attorney of record to fill in the serial number when available prior to the filing of this document.

I. IDENTIFICATION AND RIGHTS AS A SMALL ENTITY

I hereby state that I am a below named independent inventor, and that I qualify as an independent inventor, as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office.

II. OWNERSHIP OF INVENTION

I hereby state that rights under contract or law remain with and/or have been conveyed to the above identified persons.

EXCEPT, that if the rights held are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held (1) by any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, (2) any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or (3) a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

No such person, concern, or organization exists.

III ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DUTY TO NOTIFY PTO OF STATUS CHANGE

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

IV. DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed..

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